

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-9, 11, and 56 are pending.

New claim 56 has been added.

Claims 1, 4, 10 and 12-55 have been canceled without prejudice to filing a continuing application claiming any canceled subject matter.

Claims 6-8 stand withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 9 and 11 stand FINALLY rejected.

Claims 2, 5 and 9 have been amended without prejudice to filing a continuing application claiming any deleted subject matter.

The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as their invention. Support for the amendments is found in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

As set forth in the Office Action dated August 28, 2007, applicants acknowledge the Notice of References Cited. (Attachment 1)

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and early allowance of the application.

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 2-4 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Conklin et al. 2001 and Conklin DJ 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that the instantly claimed invention is patentably novel over Conklin et al. 2001 and Conklin DJ 2002.

Conklin et al. 2001 discloses using only methylamine. Conklin DJ 2002 also only discloses using methylamine. The generic structures of independent claims 2 and 9 include methylamine and other amine compounds. However, claims 2 and 9 also include a concentration of the amine-containing compound of 0.1-100 millimolar. Claims 2 and 9 also include 280-350 millimolar osmolarity of buffer.

Thus, claims 2 and 9 are patentably novel over both Conklin references because, *inter alia*, they fail to disclose the generic structure of amine-containing compounds or

their concentration as well as the buffer and its concentration. Dependent claims 3, 5, 11 and 56 are also patentably novel over both Conklin references for at least the same reasons.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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